Thermal power projects are being executed in time.

However, in case of some hydro projects there has been some delay due to reasons given below:

(i) Delay in ivnestment decisions

(ii) Contractual problems

(iii) Land acquisition problems

(iv) Geological surprises

(v) Natural calamities such as floods etc.

The larger hydro projects which had slipped from earlier Plan and had experienced some of the above problems have been getting completed in the 10th Plan.

Private power plants in Uttar Pradesh

2058. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Uttar Pradesh Government have approached the Union Government to permit the private companies to set up power generation plants in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether necessary permission has been sanctioned and if not, when it is expected to be given; and

(c) the extent to which the State's electricity needs shall be met and at what per unit cost?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) No, Sir, As per Electricity Act, 2003, any generating company may establish, operate and maintain a generating station without obataining a license under this Act if it complies with the technical standards relating to connectivity with the grid specified by Central Electricity Authority. No permission is required from Central Government for setting up such power station.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.